

BONNIE L. McCARTHY CHARNEY

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience (Mediation, Arbitration and Judge Pro Tem)

Ms. Charney has been a member of the California State Bar since 1979, and the Washington State Bar since 1998. Alternative Dispute Resolution prior to relocating to the State of Washington includes appointment as a member of the Mediators Panel for the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Central District of California, appointed as a member of the American Arbitration Association for commercial cases for Southern California, and participation as a Judge Pro Tem for Orange County Superior Court.

Washington State Alternative Dispute Resolution involvement has included Ms. Charney's appointment as a mediator for the United States Postal Service. She has served as a committee member for Settlement Week and served as mediator for custody, property settlement and a dispute between property owners alleging diminution in value. She is a member of both the Spokane County and Washington State Bar ADR Sections, as well as the Spokane Area Mediators Association

Ms. Charney's legal background includes twenty years of legal experience with an emphasis on commercial law and bankruptcy. She has taught at both the law school and college level. Prior professional employment includes that of Psychiatric Occupational Therapy, Social Worker and Probation Officer.

In 1996, Ms. Charney received recognition from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California for mediating a matter involving three complex interrelated actions and various cross-claims asserting over \$100,000,000 in damages. The award of recognition was for mediating the largest ADR matter before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. The losses allegedly arose out of a Ponzi scheme and fraud allegations

Types of Matters Mediated

1. All aspects of bankruptcy law, including fraud
2. Breach of contract/real estate
3. Probate
4. Diminution of property value as a result of electromagnetic fields generated by power lines

5. Custody and property disputes for Spokane County Settlement Week

Mediation Training

1. Pepperdine University, School of Law, Institute for Dispute Resolution Certification received (1996-1997)
2. American Arbitration Association training, Southern California. Selected as AAA Panel Member for commercial and contract matters. (1977)
3. Mediating with Difficult People and Mediation Advocacy sponsored by Spokane and Kootenai County Bars, the Idaho State Bar and ADR Section of Washington State Bar (April 17, 1998)
4. United States Postal Service, Mediator Training (November 9 and 10, 1998)